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LETTER DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Haris Silajdzic, dated 9 November 1993.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its attachment as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 9 November 1993 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Today, besieging Serbian forces fired their artillery at two schools in Sarajevo. This heinous assault resulted in 9 children dead, while approximately 60 other civilians, including many children, were injured.

This crime was made possible because Serbian forces have been allowed to continue their strangulation and seige of Sarajevo. we demand that the Security Council urgently act to allow for all necessary measures to lift the sieges of Sarajevo and other civilian centres. If the Security Council and relevant Member States are not prepared to take those steps, we demand that the arms embargo against Bosnia and Herzegovina be lifted so that the Army of Bosnia and Herzegovina can defend the population of the Republic.

Any seige has no military purpose, but is intended to increase fear and terror among the civilian population. The other measures that fall short of the above will do nothing less than allow for atrocities like these to continue unabated.

(Signed) Haris SILAJDZIC
Prime Minister